

Bear Creek Parkway Extension

Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

March 2004



Fact Sheet

This fact sheet provides a brief summary of the Bear Creek Parkway Extension project, including a description of the project location, proposed action, alternatives, project contacts, permits required, and schedule. The Bear Creek Parkway Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) supplements information contained in the 1995 *City of Redmond Comprehensive Plan Environmental Impact Statement* (City of Redmond 1995a) and is prepared in accordance with the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Chapter 197-11 WAC.

Name of Proposal

Bear Creek Parkway Extension

Project Location

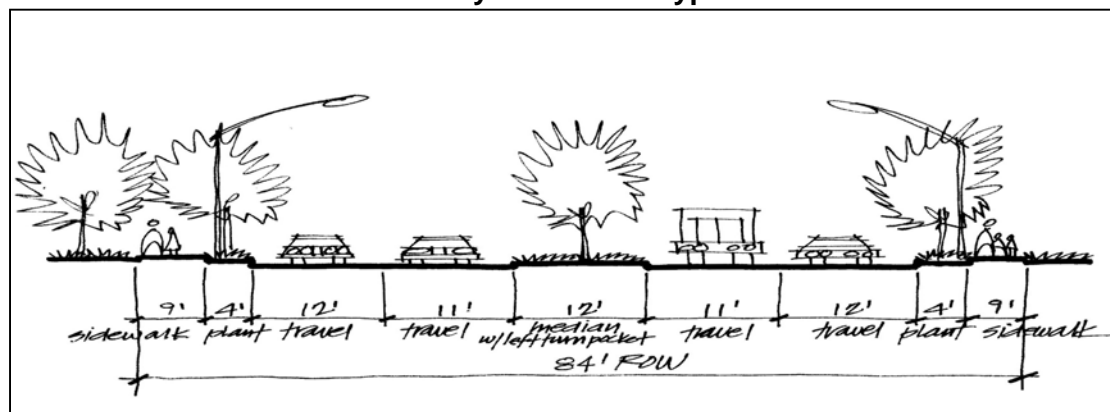
The proposed project is within the City of Redmond and located roughly between the existing Bear Creek Parkway and Redmond Way, and W. Lake Sammamish Parkway and Leary Way (see Figure 1.1).

Proposed Action and Alternatives

The City of Redmond is proposing to construct an extension of Bear Creek Parkway between Leary Way and Redmond Way, as shown in the *City of Redmond Comprehensive Plan* (RCP) (City of Redmond 1995b). Four build alternatives (Alternatives 1, 2, 3, and 4) and a No Action Alternative are considered in this SDEIS. At this time, no preferred alternative has been identified.

The Bear Creek Parkway Extension project would construct a new four- to five-lane roadway between the western end of the existing Bear Creek Parkway and Redmond Way. The roadway would consist of a single 11-foot inside driving lane in each direction and a single 12-foot outside driving lane in each direction. A 12-foot left-turn lane would be provided at all intersections. A 13-foot sidewalk/landscaping area is planned for both sides of the roadway. The total section width would be 84 feet except at intersections, where additional turn lanes may add additional width to the roadway. No bicycle lanes are proposed, in accordance with the Bicycle Network Concept. This Concept, developed as part of the DTMP, includes conversion of the BNSF Railroad corridor to include a multi-use trail to carry most east-west bicycle traffic through Downtown. Pedestrians would be

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accommodated with sidewalks and crosswalks at all major intersections. A stormwater drainage system would also be constructed as part of the project. This system would include the addition of new storm drains and wet ponds and a new outfall to the Sammamish River. The alternatives vary primarily in their alignment.

Alternative 1 (see Figure 2.2) would provide a new connection beginning at the intersection of Bear Creek Parkway and 164th Avenue NE on the south side of Town Center, and connecting to 159th Place NE at Leary Way. 159th Place NE between Leary Way and Redmond Way would be realigned and reconstructed to provide an additional lane in each direction. Leary Way between 159th Place NE and West Lake Sammamish Parkway would be widened to the south by one lane, to accommodate the new Bear Creek Parkway/Leary Way intersection.

Alternative 2 (see Figure 2.4) would provide a new connection beginning at the Bear Creek Parkway/NE 74th Street intersection at the entrance to Town Center. This new roadway would be aligned just northeast of the existing 162nd Avenue NE alignment and would curve around to the west, running parallel to and south of the BNSF Railroad corridor. 159th Place NE would be partially reconstructed to add an additional lane in each direction.

Alternative 3 (see Figure 2.6) would provide a new connection beginning at the Bear Creek Parkway/NE 74th Street intersection and would run generally north, crossing the BNSF railroad corridor and Cleveland Street and connecting to Redmond Way at 161st Avenue NE. New intersections would be created at Bear Creek Parkway and Cleveland Street, and a southern leg would be added to the 161st Avenue NE/Redmond Way intersection.

Alternative 4 (see Figure 2.8) is a hybrid of Alternatives 2 and 3, and would provide both the east-west connection to Redmond Way and the northern connection to 161st Ave. NE.

The No Action Alternative would maintain Bear Creek Parkway's existing configuration.

Proposed Date of Implementation

Selection of a preferred alternative for the Bear Creek Parkway Extension is anticipated in June 2004. Design and construction of the project would occur subsequent to that date, depending on availability of funding.

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Licenses and Permits Required

US Army Corps of Engineers

Section 404 Permit*
Section 10 Permit* (Alternative 1 only)

Washington Department of Ecology

Section 401 Water Quality Certification*
NPDES Stormwater Permit for Construction

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

Hydraulic Project Approval*

City of Redmond

Shoreline Substantial Development Permit
Clear and Grade Permit

Date of Issue of Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

March 31, 2004

* These permits will be obtained concurrently through the Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA)

Date Comments are Due on Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

April 30, 2004

Nature and Date of Final Action

The final action is the City of Redmond's decision to grant, conditionally grant, or deny permits or licenses for development of the proposal. Final action is not expected until after the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review process is completed and all permits have been obtained.

Type and Timing of Subsequent Environmental Review

Endangered Species Act Section 7 and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 consultations, if required, would occur during final design of the project. Further environmental review would occur during permit review and approvals.

Survey for tree identification and migratory bird/raptor nests would occur prior to construction.

Location of Background Data

City of Redmond
Department of Planning and Community Development
Redmond City Hall
15670 NE 85th St.
Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Cost

Copies of the SDEIS are available for review free of charge at the following locations:

City of Redmond
Department of Planning and
Community Development
Redmond City Hall, 1st Floor
15670 NE 85th Street
Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Redmond Regional Library
15990 NE 85th Street
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Copies may be purchased from the City of Redmond Department of Planning and Community Development for \$50 (including postage and handling).